

§ 2500-g. Newborn hearing screening. The commissioner shall, within the amounts appropriated therefor, and in consultation with health care providers or their representatives, establish a program to screen newborn infants for hearing problems. This program shall incorporate consensus medical guidelines and protocols, reflecting the most cost-effective methods for detecting hearing problems as early as possible in an infant's life. The program shall provide for follow-up screening including referrals for screening or care. Such program shall also provide for the reimbursement of health care providers performing such services under the program. It shall be the duty of the administrative officer, or other designated person, at each institution caring for newborn infants, to either administer such a program or provide a referral for the patient to obtain the service following discharge.